

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a receiving section that receives a printing job including a trial printing command and an image data from an external PC;

a control panel including a first touch screen menu including a trial printing button configured to, when user selected, initiate a trial preceding print of image data, and a printing button configured to, when selected by a user, initiate printing of all pages of the image data in response to the selection of the printing button;

a printer that performs the trial preceding print in response to [[a]] the trial printing command received from [[an]] the external PC via communication lines and the selection of the trial printing button, and performs the printing of all pages of the image data being received from the PC; and

a controller that sets a desired specification including print density information according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print, and deletes the image data and the printing job after the printing of all pages;

wherein the printer is configured to print the image data according to the desired specification set by the controller.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:

a scanner for scanning at least one original page to obtain a digital image thereof as the image data; and

a memory for storing the image data.

28. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the control panel further includes a second touch screen menu displayed after the printer performs the trial preceding print, the second touch screen menu including a print button configured to, when user selected, initiate printing of the image data according to the desired specification set by the controller.

29. (Previously Presented) An image forming system comprising:
an image forming apparatus according to claim 25; and
a plurality of data processors communicatively coupled to the image forming apparatus, and configured to send image data to the image forming apparatus.

30 - 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A process for performing a trial preceding print in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

receiving a printing job including a trial printing command and an image data via a receiving section from an external PC;

receiving an instruction in response to ~~[[a]]~~ the trial printing command received from an external PC via communication lines and a selection of a trial printing button in a first touch screen menu on a control panel of the image forming apparatus to initiate a trial preceding print of image data;

~~receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a printing button in the first touch screen menu on the control panel of the image forming apparatus to initiate printing of all pages of the image data being received from the PC;~~

performing the trial preceding print of the image data with a printer in response to the trial printing button;

performing the printing of all pages of the image data in response to the selection of the printing button;

setting a desired specification including print density information according to operation of the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print, and deleting the image data and the printing job after the printing of all pages; and

printing the image data with the printer according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 42, further comprising:
scanning at least one original page with a scanner to obtain a digital image thereof as the image data; and
storing the image data in a memory.

40. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 37, further comprising:
displaying a second touch screen menu on the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print; and
selecting a print button on the second touch screen menu to initiate printing of the image data according to the desired specification set by the operation of the control panel.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) A process for performing a trial preceding print in an image forming apparatus, comprising:
receiving a printing job including a trial printing command and image data via a receiving section from an external PC using a communication line;
receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a touch screen trial printing button on a control panel and the received trial printing command to initiate a trial preceding print of the received image data;
~~receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a touch screen printing button on the control panel to initiate printing of all pages of the image data;~~
performing the trial preceding print with a printer by printing the image data in response to the selection of the trial printing button;
performing the printing of all pages of the image data in response to the selection of the printing button;
displaying a plurality of print value buttons on the control panel after the printer performs the trial preceding print, the plurality of print value buttons configured to be user

selectable to permit a user to change a specification including print density information for printing from a specification used for the trial preceding print, and deleting the image data and the printing job after the printing of all pages; and

printing the image data with the printer according to the changed specification if the user changes the specification from the specification used for the trial preceding print.

43. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 42, further comprising selecting a touch screen print button on the control panel to, if the user does not change the specification for printing, initiate printing of the image data according to the specification used for the trial preceding print.

44- 47. (Cancelled)

48. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the control panel comprises a touch screen menu including a density button configured to, when user selected, set the print density information.

49. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 37, further comprising receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a density button in a touch screen menu on the control panel to set the print density information.

50. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 42, further comprising receiving an instruction in response to a selection of a density button in a touch screen menu on the control panel to set the print density information.